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LOS ANGELES

The second annual Medical Assembly at Saint Joseph Hospital in Burbank will be held Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25, in the hospital auditorium. The subject for the assembly will be endocrinology.

Members of the faculty are: Gerson R. Biskind, M.D., chief of the Department of Pathology at Mount Zion Hospital in San Francisco and associate clinical professor of pathology at the University of California Medical School; Edwin H. Ellison, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery, College of Medicine, Marquette University; Warren R. Lang, M.D., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Robert M. Blizzard, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics and chief of the division of pediatric endocrinology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; and Albert Segaloff, M.D., associate professor of clinical medicine at Tulane University.

Speakers at the annual Brennemann Lectures of the Los Angeles Pediatric Society, to be held November 8 and 9, 1961, at the Ambassador Hotel, will be Dr. Charles A. Janeway, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School, and Dr. Robert Blizzard, chief of pediatric endocrinology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

A merger of Cedars of Lebanon Hospital with Mount Sinai Hospital was announced as officially accomplished early in February. Under the new name, Cedars of Lebanon-Mount Sinai Hospitals, the consolidated organization with combined bed capacity of 790 will continue to operate the present facilities while laying plans and seeking a site for a proposed new \$50,000,000 Los Angeles Jewish Medical Center with at least a thousand beds.

Dr. Leo G. Rigler is executive director of the merged hospitals.

Dr. Catherine G. Pearson has been elected president of the Los Angeles Society of Allergy, Dr. Sheldon C. Siegel, vice-president, and Dr. Milton A. St. John, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Philip B. Hartley has been elected president of the Long Beach Obstetrical and Gynecological Society for this year, Dr. William L. Boucher, vice-president, Dr. Donald E. King, treasurer, and Dr. Richard J. Cach, secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO

A limited number of vacancies are now available for medical officers in the 146th Evacuation Hospital, according to an announcement by Dr. Robert C. Combs, hospital commander. This is an opportunity for physicians who are qualified to fulfill their military obligations, the announcement said.

The hospital is a 400-bed semi-mobile hospital with headquarters in San Francisco. It is one of two such hospitals of the California Army National Guard. Physicians who are qualified are commissioned at the 1st lieutenant level or above, depending on age, length of practice, etc. General medicine and surgery billets are open, as well as the full range of the sub-specialties.

Further information may be obtained from the hospital, LOmbard 4-7715.

Dr. Ernest Jawaetz, professor of microbiology, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco, was elected president of the Western Society for Clinical Research during the meeting at Carmel in January.

The annual convention of the National Geriatrics Society will be held May 1 to 4, 1961, in the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco.

Doctor L. Henry Garland, clinical professor of radiology, University of California Medical School, San Francisco, and consultant to the Cancer Research unit there, was elected president of the American College of Radiology, at its recent annual meeting in Chicago.

GENERAL

Appearing at the annual convention of California Medical Assistants Association, to be held April 15 and 16 at the Hacienda in Bakersfield, will be Dr. E. Vincent Askey, president of the American Medical Association. Dr. Ralph E. Reiner of Fresno will speak on the subject "The Medical Assistant." Dr. Steward Smith of San Diego takes the topic "This Is Your Life." Further information regarding the convention may be obtained from the executive office of the Medical Assistants Association, 693 Sutter Street, San Francisco 2.

The editors of Modern Medical Monographs announce the 1961 competition for unpublished manuscripts written by graduate physicians less than 40 years of age, on clinical subjects in the field of internal medicine. The purpose of these annual awards is to stimulate young physicians to communicate their work in the classical form of the monograph and to achieve high standards of medical writing.

The first prize is \$500. In addition, the authors of other top-ranking manuscripts which are found suitable will be offered a contract for publication of their work as a book in the series *Modern Medical Monographs* under standard royalty arrangements.

Rules of the competition may be obtained from Dr. Irving S. Wright, 450 East 69th Street, New York 21.